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TO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED MEETING WITH OSMAN SABBE

REFS: A. STATE 12773, B. KHARTOUM 175, C. ADDIS 657

1. ON RECEIPT WORD FROM EMBASSY DAMASCUS THAT MEETING WITH OSMAN SABBE HAS TAKEN PLACE, EMBASSIES ADDIS AND KHARTOUM MAY INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS THAT IN VIEW OF DECEMBER 30 AP INTERVIEW WITH OSMAN, REPORTED ELF/PLF SUMMIT, AND RELEASE BY ELF OF TWO CAPTIVES ON JANUARY 9, USG FELT IT ADVISABLE TO MEET DIRECTLY WITH OSMAN TO INQUIRE ABOUT CONDITION
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OF PLF CAPTIVES AND TO URGE THEIR UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE.

2. IF OSMAN INFORMS PRESS OF MEETING AND WE RECEIVE PRESS INQUIRIES, WE INTEND TO CONFIRM THAT MEETING TOOK PLACE. IF ASKED WHETHER IT INVOLVED NEGOTIATIONS FOR RELEASE OF KAGNEW CAPTIVES, WE WILL SAY NO, THAT US POLICIES IN KIDNAPPING SITUATIONS ARE WELL KNOWN. EMBASSIES SHOULD REPLY TO INQUIRIES IN SAME FASHION; MAKING NO FURTHER COMMENT. KISSINGER

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